

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: METHODS FOR RELIABLE COMMUNICATION OF LINK  
MONITORING INFORMATION IN OPTICAL  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS  
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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is the nonprovisional utility patent application of:

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (20 pages).
- ☒ Informal drawings (7 sheets, Figures 1-7).
- ☒ Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
- ☐ Assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
- ☐ Small Entity Statement.
- ☐ Request for application not to be published with certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_ listed reference(s).
- ☐ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

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